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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Christmas! What hallowed memories cluster round about this sacred season. Memories that carry us back through the centuries to a lowly manger in a stable at an inn in Bethlehem of Judea. It was there that the Christ Child was born to a waiting, wondering, watchful world.

Christmas is a season of giving, not necessarily of material gifts, but of ourselves that we may share with others the joy and love of the Christmastide. Christmas implies the forgetting of petty everyday living and in its place the loftier life, the long look ahead toward the things that are really worthwhile.

May we all enter into the Christmas spirit with joy in our hearts.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE WELL DONE

Because of reduction in the number of ASC communities and the beginning of a committee rotation system, December 31 will see many community committeemen temporarily retiring from service. Some of you served for many years. At times it meant a personal sacrifice to give of your time to perform the duties expected of you. The public whom you served is indebted to you for a public service well rendered. The State committee and its staff are grateful to you for your fine cooperation.

Incoming committeemen need your cooperation and the encouragement and support that can come from the good will that you have built up in your communities. There will result a better county program where this relationship exists. We have confidence that you outgoing committeemen will continue interested in your county ASC program and we know that you will do all you can to help it along.

CROSS COMPLIANCE CANCELLED AND LIMITATION ON VEGETABLES REMOVED

Secretary Benson last week announced the removal of the following controls on the production of some crops in 1955.

- (1) Cross compliance requirements among individual crop acreage allotment will not be in affect for 1955.
- (2) Limitations on the use of acres diverted from allotment crops to produce commercial vegetables, potatoes, and sweet potatoes will not be in affect for 1955.

The practical affect to Delaware farmers of the removal of cross compliance requirements among individual crop acreage allotments will be to permit farmers to exceed corn acreage allotments and still receive price support loans on wheat and other price-supported commodities except corn. The removal of limitations on production of commercial vegetables means that the acreages diverted from wheat or corn can be planted to any of the truck or vegetable crops for harvest without regard to previously announced restrictions.

In commenting on his announcement, Secretary Benson said, "We are glad to be in a position to make these constructive moves toward less regimentation and greater freedom of choice for farmers."

The Secretary's action does not change the provision of the law with respect to eligibility for ACP payments. Any farmer who knowingly harvests acreage in excess of his farm acreage allotment for any basic agricultural commodity (cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco, peanuts, rice) will not be eligible for any cost-sharing under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program.

FARMERS INCOME TAX COURSE

Again next month the Short Course Department of the School of Agriculture is planning a meeting in each county to discuss income tax problems with farmers. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

New Castle County:	Middletown Fire Hall - January 10, 1955
Kent County:	Capitol Grange Hall, Dover - January 12, 1955
Sussex County:	Georgetown High School - January 11, 1955

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Farmers should try to attend one of these meetings and learn the facts. You may even learn of available exemptions of which you did not know.

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Certainly the individual farmer can no longer be satisfied with anything but the best. Furthermore, farming for maximum output is conservation farming, as contrasted to the depletion and waste that occur when one is satisfied with less. Land becomes better, not poorer, when farmed for maximum sustained output.

INCOMING COMMITTEES

Farmers in all counties responded well to an experiment in conducting ASC elections by mail. In New Castle 325 farmers mailed in ballots; in Kent County the total was 648; and in Sussex County ballots received amounted to 728. The decision to permit voting by mail rather than hold election meetings in community centers grew out of the reduction in the number of ASC communities. In New Castle County, the number of communities was reduced from 7 in 1954 to one in 1955. In Kent County, the reduction was from 18 to 5; and in Sussex County from 29 to 5. This reduction in communities has come about through a recognition of the need for keeping local committeemen currently better informed about the provision of programs affecting themselves and their neighboring farmers. This should enable the committeemen to give more effective service to their neighbors and to better advise on local administrative policies.

The community committeemen who will take office in January listed in order of position (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Member, 1st Alternate, 2nd Alternate) are:

- New Castle County: Harry Roberts, Jr., Odessa; Harry Deputy, Kirkwood; Howard Coleman, Middletown; Wallace David, St. Georges; Edward C. Wilson, Newark RD #2.
- Kent County Community Number 1: George Wilson, Smyrna; Joseph Moore, Dover; John G. Tarburton, Dover; Harvey H. Opdyke, Dover; Charles Blendt, Smyrna.
- Kent County Community Number 2: G. Francis Downs, Clayton; Francis Thomas, Marydel; William H. Powell, Hartly; Orville Meyers, Hartly; Marvel Everett, Kenton.
- Kent County Community Number 3: Arthur F. Walker, Woodside; Olin Gooden, Felton; Homer Torbert, Felton; Samuel E. Walters, Felton; D. Kirby Metz, Camden.
- Kent County Community Number 4: George Sullivan, Harrington; Oscar Draper, Farmington; Russell Bowdle, Harrington; Homer Vincent, Harrington; William Bullock, Harrington.
- Kent County Community Number 5: Melvin Brown, Harrington; Temple Stubbs, Felton, RD #1; Howard Warner, Milford; Herman Roe, Jr., Magnolia; William D. Hammond, Felton.
- Sussex County Community A: M. J. Webb, Sr., Greenwood; William H. Carlisle, Jr., Greenwood; Allison Davis, Greenwood; Roland Russell, Bridgeville; Frank L. Reed, Milford.
- Sussex County Community B: Paul B. Hastings, Georgetown; Howard Hitchens, Seaford; Henry I. Short, Georgetown; Edward West, Seaford; Norman Tull, Seaford.

Sussex County Community C: Joseph Elliot, Laurel; Carlton Lowe, Laurel, Harry G. McAllister, Laurel; H. Ray Burton, Delmar; Woodrow Phillips, Laurel.

Sussex County Community D: H. B. Johnson, Frankford; Harold Collins, Clarks-ville; John Walter, Millville; Theodore Hickman, Dagsboro.

Sussex County Community E: Everett Hopkins, Lewes, C. Paul Vincent, Milton; Howard Clifton, Harbeson; Sam Sloan, Harbeson; Howard Millman, Lewes.

County committees are as follows:

New Castle County - Since all of New Castle County is regarded as one ASC community, the community committee also functions as the county committee.

Kent County - Joseph Ennis, Smyrna; J. Leon Tarburton, Dover; Merrill E. Jones, Felton; Lawrence S. Hill, Milford; Samuel D. Walker, Woodside.

Sussex County - R. Clinton Hastings, Bridgeville; Silas Dukes, Laurel; George F. Smith, Jr., Selbyville; Rollie N. Lewis, Millsboro, William N. Hopkins, Lewes.

DO YOU LIKE OUR LETTER?

For several years it has been the policy of the State office to continue mailing this News Letter to all outgoing committeemen who wish to continue receiving it. If any of you who are temporarily retiring as committeemen for 1955 wish to continue receiving this letter, just drop us a line saying so. A postal will be sufficient.

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